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REMARKS

1. Status of Claims

Claims 1-15 were pending in the Application. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the enclosed remarks. Accordingly, claims 1-15 will remain pending in the application.

2. Responsiveness of the August 4, 2003 Amendment

In section 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the August 4, 2003 Amendment as non-responsive and requested further explanation of the claim term "selection transaction data." In order to expedite prosecution, the following remarks are provided.

Applicant submits that the claim recites "selected transaction data." The selected transaction data is the set or a subset of the transaction data corresponding to a defined recipient. Without limiting the claims, at least one illustrative example from the specification in support of the claim may be found in FIG. 3 and associated textual description in the specification at page 6, line 16 through page 7, line 9. The selected transaction data may be selected from a group of transaction data records that include fields such as number of messages received, and segmentation data, etc.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection. Applicants submit that the invention as presently claimed in claims 1-15 is patentable over the cited references and in condition for allowance.

3. Conclusion Of Remarks

For at least the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance and early and favorable action thereon is requested.

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If the Examiner believes that additional issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at (203) 924-3180.

4. Authorization

No fee is believed due with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the response or credit any overpayment to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. E-848.

In the event that an extension of time or additional extension of time is required to make this response timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. E-848.

Respectfully submitted,



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